and portfolio investments by recognized Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) subject to the overall ceiling of 26 percent. The syndication limit has also been increased to 20% under automatic approval route. The detailed guidelines issued by this Ministry in this regard, are available on this Ministry's website at *www.mib.nic.in.*

Objection on Hindi movie 'Rang De Basanti'

1428. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindi movie 'Rang De Basanti' was objected to by the Ministry of Defence;

(b) if so, the nature of the objection;

(c) whether his Ministry had a preview to verify the content of the movie;

(d) whether any changes/cuts were suggested by his Ministry; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) After reference by the Central Board of Film Certification, the Ministry of Defence previewed the film but had not raised any objection to the film 'Rang De Basanti'.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No Sir, the Ministry of Information and Broadcastin did not preview the film. The Central Board of Film Certification had previewed the film in the normal course.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

DD coverage target

†1429. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any target has been fixed to bring hundred per cent population of the country under Doordarshan's coverage on a particular date or in this year;

(b) if so, by when;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government would consider fixing the targets?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (d) In terrestrial mode, TV coverage is estimated to be available to about 91% population of the country. In Andaman and Nicobar Islands, TV coverage through terrestrial mode is nearly 98% of its population. However, multi channel TV coverage to *hitherto* uncovered areas through Doordarshan's free-to-air DTH service "DD Direct Plus" has been provided to the entire country (except A&N Islands). It is possible to receive DTH signals anywhere in the country with the help of a small sized dish receive units.

Setting up of FM Radio Channels in Karnataka

1430. SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the steps taken by Government to set up FM radio channels in all districts in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): All India Radio has no plan to set up FM radio transmitters district-wise, as the coverage from a transmitter may also extend to adjoining areas. However, 14 FM radio transmitters are functioning in various districts of Karnataka. The coverage by FM in the state of Karnataka is 25.63% by area and 36.36% by population, which is higher than the National average of 23.79% by area and 34.52% by population. Moreover, under Phase II of the private FM broadcasting policy, there have been fourteen successful bidders for the operation of private FM channels in four districts of Karnataka State.

Functioning of AIR/DD Kendras in Andhra Pradesh

1431. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of AIR/DD Kendras functioning in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether any proposal for digitalization of these Kendras is under consideration of Government;

(c) if so, the steps taken and by when it is likely to be completed; and

(d) the amount sanctioned by Government for this purpose?